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1. Regret that because of delays in distribution of 1-55 here, we have not as yet been able to complete full interagency-coordinated consideration of your proposals for expanded Wagon project. At working level, Defense, CIA and USIA representatives believe their respective agencies will probably view proposals favorably. AID also favorably inclined but local currency requirements pose problem. Request report on alternative explanation with Cody during Washington TDY and Mission comment on dollar cost implications of local currency aspect this project. View overall local currency shortage, urge review and reduction requirements as feasible.

2. Since additional AID II and USIA funds required, not all of which included in recent budget requests, it may not be possible

USIA: GMB:slaw 10/28/65

SEA - Richard T. Loring

AID/SE/SEA - Mr. Parker (draft)

USIA/FE - Mr. McCormack (draft)

OSD/ISA/FE - Col. Moley (draft)

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possible to resolve all funding problems quickly. Therefore you should not initiate any activities dependent on commitment additional AID and USIA funds until study and approval here completed. Will advise you as soon as possible.

3. DOD concludes from A-86 that proposed expansion can be accomplished within currently approved and programmed MAP and contemplates no additional resources. Request confirmation.

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